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Commissioner for Patents**Sequence Rules**

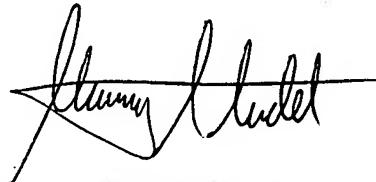
This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 for the reason(s) set forth below or on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. 37 CFR 1.821(a) presents a definition for "nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences." SPECIFICALLY, the instant application, elected SEQ ID NO: 24 (17mer) is described as a "CTT-peptide with additional hydrophilic amino acids", without identifying which residues contain these additional hydrophilic amino acids or identifying other "additional" types of amino acids added and their residues, rendering the type of protein confusing. It appears SEQ ID NO: 11, the 10-mer CTT (opening 3mer) "control peptide" is the base peptide from which the others in this library have been built. Thus, the leading 7mer of SEQ ID NO: 24 "Gly (Aliphatic) - Arg (Hydrophilic) - Glu (Hydrophilic) - Asn (Hydrophilic) - Tyr (Aromatic) - His (Hydrophilic) - Gly (Aliphatic)" has been added to the 10mer CTT control peptide of SEQ ID NO: 11. Applicant is asked to properly describe what has been added, namely hydrophilic and what residues, aliphatic and what residues, aromatic and what residue, to properly describe the peptide. [Additionally, in e.g. SEQ ID NOS: 12-19, Applicant may wish to add in which specific residue of the CTT-peptide is being Ala-substituted (e.g. residue 2 in SEQ ID NO: 12)]. Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences as used in 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 are interpreted to mean an unbranched sequence of four or more amino acids or an unbranched sequence of ten or more nucleotides. Branched sequences are specifically excluded from this definition. Sequences with fewer than four specifically defined nucleotides or amino acids are specifically excluded from this section. "Specifically defined" means those amino acids other than "Xaa" and those nucleotide bases other than "n" defined in accordance with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation, Standard ST.25: Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings in Patent Applications (1998), including Tables 1 through 6 in Appendix 2 (see MPEP § 2422).

Applicant is given ONE MONTH, or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter within which to comply with the sequence rules, 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no case may an applicant extend the period for reply beyond the SIX MONTH statutory period. Direct the reply to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the reply.

Appropriate correction is required.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maury Audet whose telephone number is 571-272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 7AM-5:30PM (10 Hrs.). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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